SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: We wanted him to say categorically whether the Government had told the World Bank that it was none of their business to give unsolicited advice to the Government of India. I would like to know whether they have done it. That is the only question which is tormenting the entire House. Our sovereignty has been bartered away.

MR CHAIRMAN: You have not asked him whether the Government agrees with the suggestions or not

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Let him say that he has told the World Bank that it is none of their business to give unsolicited advice to the Government of India. Let him say He should have been categorical... *(Interruptions)* .. He should have been categorical.

MR CHAIRMAN: Please do sit down.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, another important part of my unanswered question is..

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Mr Reddy. let him say that the Government has told them that it is none of their business to make this unsolicited advice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have only asked Mr. Reddy to put that question.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, in addition to the clarification which Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta is seeking which was part of my question. another part is whether the Government will publicise the report as a whole without treating it as a classified document

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I will go into the question.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Mr. Chairman Sir, may I have your permission? Sir may I have your permission? Sir I seek your protection? Sir, I seek your protection. Sir, I seek your protection. Mr. Reddy has endorsed my question. The question is very simple. Has the Railway Minister told the World Bank that it is none of their business?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am sorry. Question Hour is over. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: We want a half-an-hour discussion.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: There are occassions when the Chairman can make an exemption. *(Interruptions)*. The Minister has got away ...*(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. Papers to be Laid on the Table. Shri Jaffer Sharief.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Villages without Post Offices in Gujarat**

*402. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey in Gujarat regarding the villages which do not have Post Offices at present;

(b) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof:

(c) by when Government propose to open Post Offices in all the villages of the State: and

(d) whether Government propose to make available mobile Post Offices in such villages of the State for the time being, to cater to the postal needs of villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However the district wise details

of villages without post offices, at present, are given in the annexed statement. (*See below*)

(c) There is no plan to provide post offices in all the villages of the State. Government's objective is to provide post offices in those areas where such facility does not exist, subject to fulfilment of departmental norms and availability of resources.

(d) No, Sir. However, it is proposed to provide certain basic postal facilities through the gram panchayats.

**Statement**

*District-wise details oi villages without Post Offices in Gujarat*

| Sl. No. | Name of district | No. of villages without Post Office |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ahmedabad | 244 |
| 2. | Amreli | 309 |
| 3. | Banaskhantha | 941 |
| 4. | Bharuch | 654 |
| 5. | Bhavnagar | 468 |
| 6. | Dang | 255 |
| 7. | Ghandinagar | 16 |
| 8. | Jamnagar | 365 |
| 9. | Junagadh | 573 |
| 10. | Kheda | 392 |
| 11. | Kachchh-Bhuj | 415 |
| 12. | Mahesana | 855 |
| 13. | Panchmahals | 1389 |
| 14. | Rajkot | 463 |
| 15. | Sarbarkantha | 603 |
| 16. | Surat | 738 |
| 17. | Surendranagar | 339 |
| 18. | Vadodara | 1069 |
| 19. | Valsad | 295 |
| | TOTAL : | 10383 |